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P R 090748Z SEP 76
FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
TO AMEMBASSY PARIS PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY BANGUI
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA
USIA WASHDC
SECSTATE WASHDC 2527

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USIAC

LONDON FOR RRU (KEATS)

PARIS FOR ARS

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SUBJECT: ADAM DARIUS TOUR

REF: A) KHARTOUM 2606, B) PARIS 25719 C) PARIS 25909

1. AEROFLOT ADVISES BOTH WEEKLY FLIGHTS BETWEEN
KHARTOUM AND BANGUI HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED SINCE
MID-SUMMER. THEY CANNOT RPT CANNOT CONFIRM DARIUS
AS REF C REQUESTS. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS NUMBER
RUSSIAN PERSONNEL HAVE HAD TO DELAY LEAVE BECAUSE
OF THIS SUSPENSION.

2. POST RELUCTANTLY SUGGESTS DARIUS NOT RPT
NOT VISIT KHARTOUM AT THIS TIME/ THIS BASED
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ON PARTLY ON FLIGHT UNCERTAINTY AND PARTLY ON

EASE OF ROUTING DARIUS TO BANGUI FROM
SOUTHERN AFRICA WITHOUT SUDAN STOPOVER AND
PROBABLE ONWARD DIFFICULTIES.

3. HOWEVER, RECOMMENDATION TO BYPASS KHARTOUM
BASED PRIMARILY ON FACT THAT DARIUS SCHEDULE (REF
B) RECENTLY REVISED AND ENSUING DOUBTS
CONCERNING TRAVEL REMAIN. WE HAVE BOOKED
HIM FOR FRIENDSHIP HALL THEATER OCTOBER 7-8 AND
CAN CANCEL THAT EASILY ENOUGH, BUT RESCHEDULING
THEATER USE EARLIER IS PROBLEM. FRIENDSHIP HALL
IS MAJOR INVESTMENT BY MAINLAND CHINESE AND ONLY
SUDANESE AND CHINESE PERFORMERS HAVE THUS FAR
APPEARED THERE. AID-SAT DEMO WAS HELD THERE
UNDER SPONSORSHIP SUDAN GOVERNMENT. THUS WE
HAVE FOOT IN DOOR AND NATURALLY RELUCTANT SEE
DOOR SLAMMED DUE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS DARIUS.

4. POST NOW PLANS PROGRAM CP GATEMOUTH BAND IN
FRIENDSHIP HALL LATE OCTOBER AND BELIEVE DARIUS
SITUATION MIGHT ABORT CP.

5. EMBASSY CONCURS THIS MESSAGE.

6. ADVISE.
TAYLOR

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